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SUBJ: JSA AGREEMENT IN OPERATION

1. IN PERIOD SINCE ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF NEW JSA AGREEMENT SEPTEMBER 16, THERE HAVE BEEN REGULAR DAILY MEETINGS OF JOINT DUTY OFFICERS, THE NORMAL WEEKLY MEETING OF LANGUAGE PERSONNEL, AND SERVICING OF TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT IN KPA PART OF JSA BY UNC PERSONNEL, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW AGREEMENT.

2. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN TWO MEETINGS OF SECURITY OFFICERS, BOTH AT NORTH KOREAN REQUEST. FIRST MEETING WAS SEPTEMBER 23, FOLLOWING APPROXIMATELY MONTHLY PATTERN IN EFFECT PREVIOUSLY. KPA MAD ROUTINE CHARGES REGARDING ALLEGED GESTURES AND COMMENTS BY UNC PERSONNEL. UNC SECURITY OFFICER NOTED SIMILAR ACTIONS BY NORTH KOREAN PERSONNEL. MEETING CONCLUDED WITHOUT UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. AT SECOND MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, KPA SECURITY OFFICER PROTESTED ALLEGED THROWING OF BOOKLET ONTO KPA SIDE BY UNC PERSONNEL. KPA REP DISPLAYED PAMPHLET BUT DID NOT PERMIT IT TO BE EXAMINED

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BY UNC PERSONNEL. IT APPEARED TO BE IN CHINESE, BUT FURTHER

IDENTIFICATION NOT POSSIBLE. UNC INVESTIGATION NOW UNDERWAY
HAS YET TO REVEAL ANY SUBSTANCE TO CHARGE.

4. SECOND SECURITY OFFICERS MEETING IN LESS THAN A WEEK
IS SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL. KPA MAY BE WORKING TO ESTABLISH RECORD
OF ALLEGATIONS RE UNC RESPONSIBILITY FOR TENSION IN AREA.

5. IN SUM, APPEARS PHYSICAL SEPARATION OF TWO GUARD FORCES
HAS CLEARLY LED TO AN OVERALL DECREASE IN TENSIONS WITHIN THE
JSA, AT LEAST SO FAR.
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